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SUBJ: IRANIAN PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA DEPARTS FOR OFFICIAL
VISIT TO LONDON

1. PRIME MINISTER AMIR ABBAS HOVEYDA DEPARTED TEHRAN APRIL 3
ON THE FIRST LEG OF AN OFFICIAL FOUR- DAY VISIT TO LONDON.
HE IS SCHEDULED TO STOP OVER IN PARIS FOR A SHORT
PRIVATE STAY AND BEGIN HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON APRIL 9.
LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT HOVEYDA WILL NOT MEET WITH FRENCH
OFFICIALS DURING HIS PARIS STAY.

2. HOVEYDA IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER
HEATH, LABOR PARTY LEADER HAROLD WILSON AND FOREIGN
SECRETARY DOUGLAS- HOME. THE VISITING PRIME MINISTER IS DUE
TO LUNCH WITH QUEEN ELIZABETH.

3. THERE IS MEDIA SPECULATION HERE THAT HOVEYDA WILL DISCUSS
IN LONDON IRAN'S DISSATISFACTION WITH ITS CURRENT RELATIONS WITH
THE EEC. HOVEYDA HAS RECENTLY EXPRESSED IN THE IRANIAN
PARLIAMENT CONCERN OVER THE TRADE GAP BETWEEN IRAN AND THE
COMMON MARKET. HE SUPPOSEDLY WILL USE HIS VISIT TO SECURE
BRITISH SUPPORT FOR IRAN IN THE EEC.

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4. DESPITE THE PROMINENCE BEING ASSIGNED HERE TO HOVEYDA'S
VISIT, WE HAVE BEEN PRIVATELY INFORMED BY THE BRITISH EMBASSY
THAT THE TRIP IS BASICALLY " CEREMONIAL."
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